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SUBJECT: ECONADS: REPORT TO NORTH ATLANTIC COUNCIL ON SOVIET
FISHING INDUSTRY

REF.: A) USNATO 2061; B) USNATO 2129; C) STATE 83296

SUMMARY: AT APRIL 14 ECONADS MEETING, UK REP (POWLES)
SUGGESTED CHANGES IN PARA 7 OF REPORT ON SOVIET MARITIME
ACTIVITIES (AC/127-WP/506) TO DOWNPLAY MILITARY ASPECTS
OF SOVIET FISHING FLEET. ACTION REQUESTED: COMMENTS ON
UK SUGGESTIONS. END SUMMARY.

1. AT APRIL 14 ECONADS MEETING, WE MADE COMMENTS
ALONG LINES SUGGESTED REF C IN REGARD TO PARAS 7 AND 8(REF A)
THE UKREP (POWLES) SUGGESTED CHANGES IN PARA 7 TO STRESS THAT
MAIN FUNCTION OF SOVIET FISHING FLEET IS INDEED FISHING.
SPECIFICALLY, HE SUGGESTED THAT IN SENTENCE TWO, TEXT BEFORE
"SURVEILLANCE" BE DROPPED AND REPLACED BY "TRAWLER HULLS,
ADAPTED AS INTELLIGENCE COLLECTORS, OBSERVE ALLIED WARSHIPS.
THEY ALSO CARRY OUT SURVEILLANCE.."

2. IN THIRD SENTENCE OF PARA 7, UK REP SUGGESTED
THAT "ONE HUNDRED" BE REPLACED BY "37" OR "BETWEEN
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35-40. ALSO, LAST SENTENCE SHOULD BE DROPPED AND
REPLACED BY "HOWEVER, ALL SOVIET FISHING FLEET VESSELS
CARRY OUT INTELLIGENCE GATHERING ON AN AD HOC BASIS, BUT
THEIR MAIN FUNCTION IS FISHING."

3. WE WILL MEET WITH DIRECTORATE AND UK REP ON APRIL
15 OR 18 TO RESOLVE WORDING ON PARA 7. UK SUGGESTIONS SEEM
TO MEET OUR OBJECTIONS TO PARA 7. UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED,
WE WILL AGREE TO REDRAFT ALONG LINES SUGGESTED BY UK.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: GUIDANCE/COMMENTS ON UK REVISIONS.

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